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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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June 1, 2006

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PJ-2**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**GENERAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT  
EL CARISO REGIONAL COUNTY PARK  
AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
SPECS. 05-0090; C.P. 86425  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3  
3 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND  
THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a Construction Contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, to Icon West, Inc., the apparent lowest responsible bidder, for the General Park Improvements at El Cariso Regional County Park project in the amount of \$3,271,000. Establish the effective Contract date following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance certificates filed by the contractor.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended action will allow Public Works to proceed with construction of the general park improvements at El Cariso Regional County Park.

The proposed project consists of improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including upgrades to the existing restrooms and drinking fountains, walkway replacement, and providing ADA signage. In addition, the proposed project will make various improvements to the park, including resurfacing the driveways

and parking lots, replacing damaged walkways, improving the irrigation system, renovating four play areas, replacing trees and turf, and replacing four group picnic shelters, including upgrading the barbeque braziers and picnic tables.

As part of the project, demolition of the playground equipment, removal and storage of existing picnic tables, installation of new braziers, picnic tables, benches, bike racks, and car wheel stops will be performed by at-risk youth.

On January 10, 2006, your Board adopted plans and specifications and authorized advertising for construction bids for the project. On February 22, 2006, eight bids were received. Icon West, Inc., with a total bid of \$3,271,000, is the apparent lowest responsible bidder. We are recommending that your Board award the Contract to Icon West, Inc. The bid results are summarized in Enclosure B.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility and Children and Families' Well-Being as this is an investment in public infrastructure that will provide enhanced opportunities to assure good health and social well-being for children and families.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The recommended Construction Contract with Icon West, Inc., is for \$3,271,000. In addition, \$582,000 (18 percent of the Contract amount) has been allocated as a change order contingency.

The total project cost estimate, including plans and specifications, jurisdictional review, construction, consultant services, miscellaneous expenditures, and County services, is \$5,365,000, which is \$240,000 less than the amount approved by your Board on January 10, 2006. The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in Enclosure A.

The proposed project is currently funded from \$330,000 in Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 funds, \$259,000 in Third District Discretionary Capital Project funds and Extraordinary Maintenance funds, \$4,656,000 in State Proposition 12 Per Capita Program, and \$120,000 in State Proposition 12 Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Program. Sufficient appropriation is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Capital Project Budget under C.P. 86425.

The current project estimate reflects changes associated with the bid amount as well as a revised strategy for providing project/construction management services.

#### Operating Budget Impact

Based on the project scope of work, excluding the play area refurbishments, the Department of Parks and Recreation does not anticipate any one-time start-up nor additional ongoing costs to operate and maintain the improvements. The nature of the improvements is to replace and refurbish existing amenities, which will be maintained and operated with existing staff and resources.

To operate and maintain the play areas and equipment, Parks and Recreation estimates \$30,284 in ongoing costs for maintenance staff and supplies.

Parks and Recreation worked with the Chief Administrative Office to determine the appropriate level of operation and maintenance of the play areas. Parks and Recreation's operating budget includes sufficient appropriation to maintain and operate these play areas.

#### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard Construction Contract, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for Contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the Contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for Contract award, Icon West, Inc., is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees about Board Policy 5.135 (Safely Surrendered Baby Law) and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

Icon West, Inc., is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

Under the provisions of the County of Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District policy on employment of youth, the County of Los Angeles has met its Youth Employment Goals. However, Parks and Recreation continues to actively pursue employment opportunities for at-risk youth and will employ youth on this project.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On January 10, 2006, your Board found this project to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

#### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On January 10, 2006, your Board adopted plans for the General Park Improvements at El Cariso Regional County Park at an estimated construction cost of \$4,237,000 and instructed the Executive Officer/Clerk of the Board to advertise for construction bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.

On February 22, 2006, eight bids were received for the project. Icon West, Inc., was found to be the apparent lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria adopted by your Board.

As required by your Board, Parks and Recreation posted the Notice Inviting Construction Bids on the Doing Business With Us website. A copy of the website posting is included as Enclosure C.

#### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

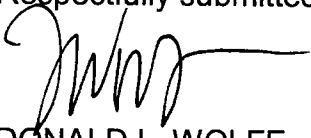
Work in the park will be constructed in phases to minimize disruption of services and access to park amenities. Work phases will be scheduled and coordinated with programs and special events. When restrooms are closed for renovation, the contractor will provide portable toilets with hand-wash sinks.


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**CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office (Capital Projects Division), Public Works, and Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

  
for DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

  
DAVID E. JANSSEN  
Chief Administrative Officer

  
RUSS GUINEY  
Director of Parks and Recreation

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cc: County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance (Ozie Smith)  
Department of Public Social Services (GAIN/GROW Program)

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**ENCLOSURE A**

**GENERAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS AT  
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**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>	<b>Revised Completion Date</b>
Execute Design Contract	12/12/02	12/12/02*
Program	08/25/04	N/A
Schematic Design	12/15/04	01/15/04*
Design Development	03/15/05	N/A
Construction Documents	07/25/05	01/04/06*
Jurisdictional Approvals	09/25/05	02/01/06*
Construction Contract Award	03/13/06	06/13/06
Construction Start	05/15/06	07/06/06
Substantial Completion	8/07	12/20/07
Final Contract Acceptance	11/07	01/20/08

\* Indicates actual completion dates.  
N/A – Not Applicable.

## II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Approved Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Current Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Plans and Specifications	\$ 447,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 453,000
Plan Check/Jurisdictional Reviews	\$ 10,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 45,000
Construction			
Construction Contract	\$4,237,000	\$ (966,000)	\$3,271,000
Change Order Allowance	424,000	158,000	582,000
Youth Employment*	82,000	0	82,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,743,000</b>	<b>\$ (808,000)</b>	<b>\$3,935,000</b>
Equipment	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other Consultant Services	\$ 0	\$ 87,000	\$ 87,000
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 0	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
County Services	\$ 405,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 805,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,605,000</b>	<b>\$ (240,000)</b>	<b>\$5,365,000</b>

\* Includes youth employment, supervision, and materials.

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**ENCLOSURE B**

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**BID SUMMARY**

**Description of Project**

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As part of the project, demolition of the playground equipment, removal and storage of existing picnic tables, installation of new braziers, picnic tables, benches, bike racks, and car wheel stops will be performed by at-risk youth.

**Bid Opening Date:** February 22, 2006

**Bid Summary:**

<b>Contractor's Name</b>	<b>Lump Sum Bid</b>
Icon West, Inc.	\$3,271,000
Pima Construction	\$3,479,500
Emma Corporation	\$3,780,000
N & W Construction, Inc.	\$3,850,000
Woodcliff Corporation	\$3,878,000
TC Torres Construction Corp.	\$3,892,000
Los Angeles Construction, Inc.	\$3,986,000
Environmental Construction, Inc.	\$4,189,000



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**ENCLOSURE C**

**Bid Information**

**Bid Number:** 05-0090  
**Bid Title:** General Park Improvements at El Cariso Regional County Park  
**Bid Type:** Construction  
**Department:** Parks and Recreation  
**Commodity:** CONSTRUCTION SERVICE, GENERAL (DIGGING, DITCHING, ROAD GRADING, ROCK STABILIZATION, ETC.)  
**Open Date:** 1/10/2006  
**Closing Date:** 2/22/2006 11:00 AM  
**Notice of Intent to Award:** [View Detail](#)  
**Bid Amount:** \$4,237,123  
**Bid Download:** Not Available  
**Bid Description:** -Upgrades to existing restrooms and drinking fountains  
-Walkway replacement  
-Parking and driveway lot resurfacing  
-Replacement of walkways  
-Repair/Replacement of Irrigation system  
-Replace four play area equipment structures and surfacing  
-Removal and replacement of trees and turf  
-Replacement of four picnic shelters  
-Upgrading Barbeque Braziers  
**Contact Name:** Patrick Reynolds  
**Contact Phone#:** (213) 738-4599  
**Contact Email:** [preynold@co.la.ca.us](mailto:preynold@co.la.ca.us)  
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